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THE "Choral Book" consists of ninety choice choral pieces which have proved their quality by centuries of use in the homes, schools, and churches of Germany.

The tunes are unchanged by a single note, while the hymns have been translated with religious fidelity to both sentiment and music; the rugged force of the former having been maintained without harshness, and the peculiar rhythmical, dynamic or phonic effects of the latter having been conserved by a laborious choice and arrangement of vowels, syllables, words, and phrases.

#### PURPOSES.

- (1) The bestowal upon the home circle of music easily mastered, and containing means of the best musical culture.
- (2) The introduction to the school-room of suitable music for sight-reading, and for the devotional or musical exercises at opening or closing of the sessions.
- (3) The restoration to the churches of the ideal music for congregations, and the ultimate displacement of the light and lively *morceaux* of the opera, obviously unsuited to convey religious sentiment, and impossible of good rendering by untrained masses.
- (4) Moreover, the matchless harmonies of these ninety tunes should serve to establish among people, or musicians, the elevated musical ideal which was possessed by the masters who composed them and the people who loved them.

The prominent part borne by these hymns in the German churches and schools cannot be overvalued. Whoever has heard, or, rather, experienced, the rendering of one of these great chorals by the great congregations in the Fatherland, will ask no other commendation.

If, now, by our humble and imperfect work, we have furnished one ashlar toward the better building up of the temple of song, sacred to the home, the school, and the church, these delightful avocations from busy vocations will not have been taken in vain.

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#### SONGS OF DEVOTION.

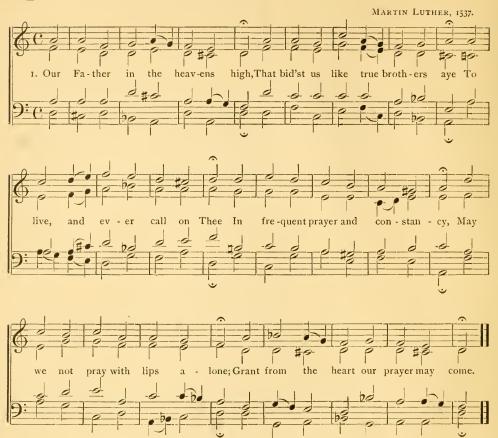
## I Come before Thy Glorious Eye.





- I I come before Thy glorious eye; Hear Thou. O Lord, my anxious cry. Oh, cleanse my life of sinful ways, Thou God of patience and of grace.
- 2 Give me a heart pure from above,
   A heart of holy fear and love,
   A heart of humble thanks and praise,
   A tranquil heart through all my days.
- 3 If Thou may'st lengthen out my life, Protect me still from sin and strife; My guardian God, my trust always, Desert me not in life's last days.

#### Our Father Who Art in Heaven.

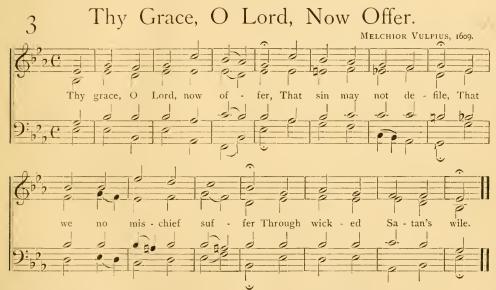


- I Our father in the heavens high,
  That bid'st us like true brothers aye
  To live, and ever call on Thee
  In frequent prayer and constancy,
  May we not pray with lips alone;
  Grant from the heart our prayer may
  come.
- 2 And hallowed be thy name, O Lord: Help us to keep Thy law and word, That we may live like holy men, And never use Thy name in vain. Oh, save us from all faithless creed; To Thee all erring people lead.
- 3 Thy kingdom come to us this day:
  Forever be its righteous stay.
  O Spirit pure, be ever nigh,
  With gifts old Satan to defy,
  And all his power and wiles so great
  Destroy, lest he Thy work abate.
- 4 Thy will, O Lord, alike be done
  On earth as on the Heaven's throne;
  In toils and patience make us show
  Obedience or in love or woe.
  And dull our vicious passion's sting,
  Lest we Thy wrath upon us bring.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread;
  For every want our table spread;
  Keep from us, Lord, all strife and war,
  And pestilence and famine sore,
  That we in Thy good peace may live,
  And not for help or gain may grieve.
- 6 Oh, all our sins forgive, we pray, That we fall not in Satan's way; As we forgive, too, all our debtors, Our cruel foes and their abettors; Grant us as brothers all to own, Let charity for sins atone.
- 7 Into temptation lead us not, But frustrate Satan's wily plot, And on the left and on the right,

- Help us resist and help us fight; Through faith in Thee our souls prepare. And through the Holy Spirit's care.
- 8 Grant 'gainst all evil us to guard:
  Sore are the times and grievous hard;
  From death eternal do thou save;
  Help us Death's agony to brave,
  That we may reach the Blessed Land;
  Take, God, our souls into Thy hand.
- 9 Amen, O God, may this be true. With firmest faith our souls imbue, That we doubt not Thy holy writ: All this in prayer we now submit. Thy holy name we praise again, And all uniting, say, Amen.

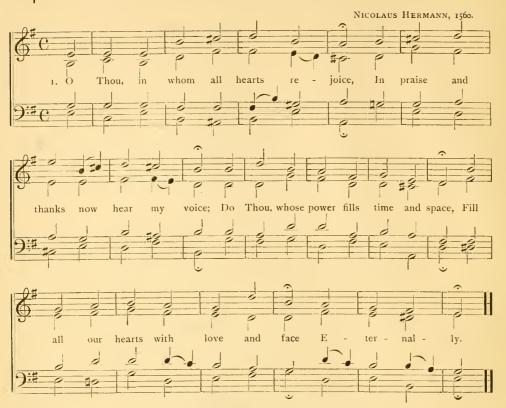
MARTIN LUTHER.



- Thy grace, O Lord, now offer, That sin may not defile, That we no mischief suffer Through wicked Satan's wile.
- 2 Thy word assist us ever, O kind Redeemer, dear, Thy blessings leave us never, Thy wrath we would not fear.
- 3 Oh, stay with all Thy lustre Near us, Thou wondrous Light, And wisdom in us foster, That error may not blight.
- 4 Thine hand uphold our being, O gracious Lord, to bless; Grant constantly, foreseeing, Thy help in sore distress.

Josua Stegmann, 1630.

## 4 O Thou in Whom All Hearts Rejoice.



- I O Thou, in whom all hearts rejoice,
  In praise and thanks now hear my voice;
  Do Thou, whose power fills time and space,
  Fill all our hearts with love and grace
  Eternally.
- 2 Far, far, beyond conception far Thy glory goes, for every star Gets light from Thee. We loveThee, Lord, And all shall breathe that glorious word, Almighty One.
- 3 Throughout high Heaven's boundless space
  And on the earth they sing Thy praise
  Thine is the power Thy glory send,
  And grace forever, without end.

Hallelujah!

FRIEDRICH GOTTLIEB KLOPSTOCK, 1769.

# God, our Father, Help us Pray.

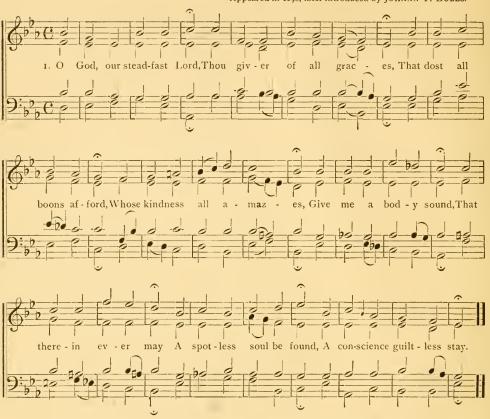


I God, our Father, help us pray, And never let us perish. Take our varied sins away, And grant our souls to nourish. Satan's wiles may we beware, Thee we would aye believe in, Then let us Thee abide in,

And all our hearts confide in. We are Thine forevermore With every pious Christian, In His great cause enlisting, And Satan's wiles resisting, Amen, amen, sound afar, And joyful sing, hallelujah!

#### 6 O God, Our Steadfast Lord.

Appeared in 1698, later introduced by JOHANN F. Doles.



- O God, our steadfast Lord,
  Thou giver of all graces,
  That dost all boons afford,
  Whose kindness all amazes,
  Give me a body sound,
  That therein ever may
  A spotless soul be found,
  A conscience guiltless stay.
- 2 Grant me to do with zeal What me to do behooveth, And what my Master's will In my vocation moveth.

- Grant I may do it when
  Thy will declares the need,
  And, if I do it then,
  That well it may succeed.
- 3 As in this world's brief stay
  My life span runneth higher,
  Through all the weary way,
  And age draws ever nigher,
  Grant patience. May disgrace
  And sin Thy guidance spare;
  Let me with honest grace
  Time's hoary honors wear.

JOHANN HEERMANN, 1630.

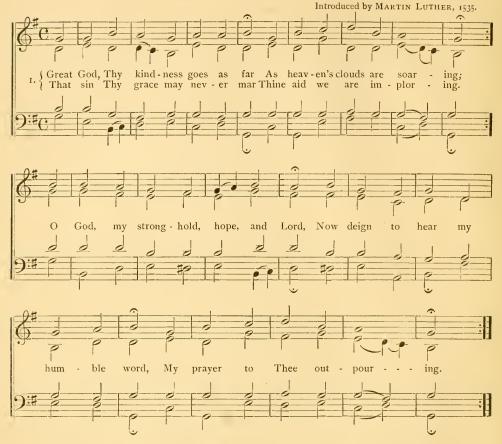


- I Let me be Thine forever,
  Thou faithful God and Lord,
  And, from Thee turning never,
  Be true to Thine own word.
  Lord, let me falter never,
  Mine be a patient heart;
  Thee will I thank forever,
  My gracious God Thou art.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, my anchor, My life, my only friend, To Thee I would surrender, And on Thy grace depend.

- By Thine own blood redeemed From sorest grief and woe, Thine ev'ry gift esteemed, Thy bliss make me to know.
- 3 O Holy Ghost, my solace,
  My light, my surest bond,
  Grant that to Christ, the Saviour,—
  Him that my heart has found,—
  My praise may be forever:
  Grant grace for my last hour,
  That, from Thee turning never,
  My soul shall own Thy power.

NIKOLAUS SELNECCER, 1587.

## Great God, Thy Kindness Goes as Far.



- Great God, Thy kindness goes as far As heaven's clouds are soaring; That sin Thy grace may never mar Thine aid we are imploring. O Lord, my stronghold, hope, and Lord, 3 I ask Thee not for glory's fame, Now deign to hear my humble word, My prayer to Thee outpouring.
- 2 Not riches do I ask, O Lord, Not treasures vain and fleeting, That measure do to me accord, My life's just wants for meeting.

- Give me but wisdom, do Thou grant My knowing Thee and Him Thou sent, Myself—wisdom completing.
- Howe'er it may be tempting. Keep me from losing my good name, Thy grace sin's power exempting. My greatest fame, my duty be, My trust and station, all in Thee, And in my friends' affection.

CHRISTIAN FURCHTEGOTT, 1757.



I To Thee, Jehovah, I am singing,
Is there another guardian God like
Thee?

Thee all my praises I am bringing,
Grant Thou this hour Thy heavenly
strength to me,

That I may sing of Jesus Christ alone, Thy highly prized and well-beloved Son.

2 Now draw me to Thy Son, O Father, That me forever He may draw to Thee, Oh, may my heart Thy Spirit gather, To quicken thus my waiting soul in me, That I God's peace may taste, and feel, and know,

And that my soul may see no waste nor woe.

3 Oh, grant me, Highest, all these graces, So that my song of praise may rise, afar,

To Thee, who rulest in all spaces,
Then to my praise eternities unbar;

Thy Spirit thus would raise my heart on high,

No longer here in woe and grief to cry.

Bartholomaus Crasselius 1697.

## 10 Help us, Lord, in All Our Living.



Help us, Lord, in all our living;
Thus in every trust or task,
Well beginning, well achieving,
We Thy grace must ever ask,
For without Thy blessèd hand
All is lost, both town and land,
All our way Thy blessing needeth,
With whose aid our work succeedeth.

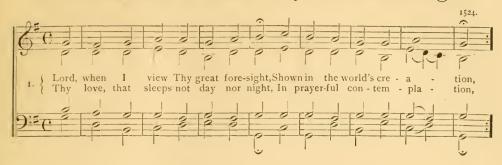
2 Help us, Lord, in times auspicious, Make us frugal, make us wise, That we view all men, suspicious, When the world to lure us tries. Teach us, Lord, to bear success, Free from pride and haughtiness; All our way Thy blessing needeth With whose aid our work succeedeth.

3 Help us, Lord, whene'er we suffer, Help us in the hour of death, Till our souls to Thee we offer,

New life gaining through our faith; Fill life's end with Thine own Word, Stay Thou with us, gracious Lord, Then with joyous beaming faces We will sing Thee thanks and praises.

MARTIN RINGART, 1649.

#### II Lord, When I View Thy Great Foresight.





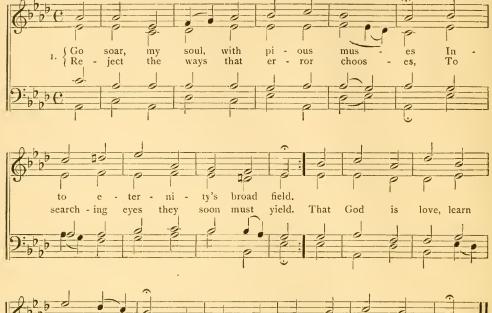


- I Lord, when I view Thy great foresight,
  Shown in the world's creation,
  Thy love, 'that sleeps not day nor night,
  In prayerful contemplation,
  My heart, of admiration full,
  Knows not Thy wonders to extol,
  My Lord, my kindest Father.
- Thee sunshine praiseth, and the storm.
   Thy praises sing the ocean,
   So doth the sluggish, creeping worm,
   And each bright star in motion.
- The tree with praise and blessings fraught, The fields their fruit with beauty bro't, Do praise Thee, kind Creator.
- 3 For aye exalt Him, O my soul,
  His name all praising ever,
  Our God, our Father, pole to pole,
  The amen ceasing never.
  All trust in Him and keep His word,
  Who would not gladly servethe Lord,
  And praise His name forever?

CHRISTIAN FÜRCHTEGOTT GELLERT, 1757.

#### 12 Go Soar, My Soul, with Pious Muses.

Second Melodie.





I Go soar, my soul, with pious muses,
Into eternity's broad field,
Reject the ways that error chooses,
Tosearchingeyes they soon must yield.
That God is love, learn o'er and o'er,
The old, the new for evermore.

2 What am I 'mid so many, tell me?
All creatures of Thy grace and might,
Who on high peak or ocean dwelling,
Can never shun Thy care or sight.
Lord, I am but a withered leaf
Without a place to which to cleave.

3 Tho' I am lowly justly rated,

Nor worth Thy pity and good-will, Thy kindness, who all things created, With joy my heart dost ever fill. O Lord, myself—I am not mine,

O Lord, myself—I am not mine, I'm Thine; and shall fore'er be Thine.

4 Our hope looks ever to the distance,
Through all the grades of entity,
While faith in every planet glistens,
And peers into eternity.
Oh, then show me Thy loving hand,

My share of bliss, my fatherland.

JOHANN GOTTFRIED HERMANN, 1742.

# 13 God, before Whose Eye so Searching.

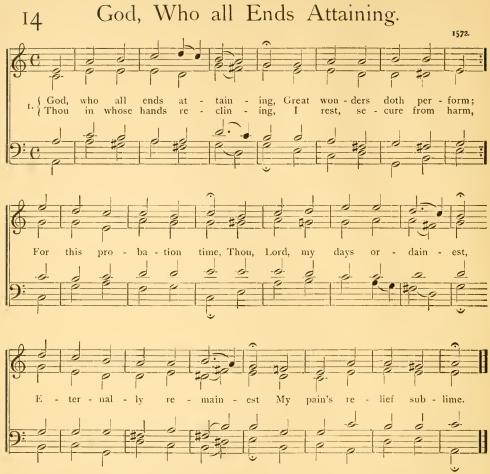


God, before whose eye so searching,
Purity forever dwells,
Light eternal, from whose fountain
Clearest radiance ever wells,
Be Thy name and holiness
Ever in our hearts to bless,
From our minds all vice pursuing,
There Thy holiness renewing.

2 Holiness Thine entire being, Thus Thou hast been evermore, While from Thee all sin is fleeing, Ours offend Thee never more. What Thy will for us may choose We can never, never lose, Thus with Thy wise will and action, All Thy works attain perfection.

3 By no sinful thought or living
Be our souls contaminate.
All our noblest powers giving
To Thy work we consecrate.
Let us then Thine image be,
In Thy kingdom's holy See,
Where is home eternal given,
Holy life and faith's own heaven.

JOHANN CHRISTIAN ZIMMERMANN, 1740.



- God, who all ends attaining,
   Great wonders doth perform;
   Thou in whose hands reclining,
   I rest, secure from harm,
   For this probation time,
   Thou, Lord, my days ordainest,
   Eternally remainest
   My pain's relief sublime.
- 2 Ere yet I saw the sunlight, And Thy forbearance knew, E'en then o'erflowed with mercies, Thy father-hand I view.
- My praises are too small
  To pay for all Thy kindness
  Throughout my life of fulness,
  That from Thy bounty fall.
- 3 Thy name be ever praised,
  My rescue, danger nigh,
  Who thus to me hast proved,
  World o'er, so gloriously.
  With joy will I to Thee
  My earnest thanks be bringing,
  And of Thy goodness singing,
  Sincere, eternally.

H. C. VON GERSDORF, 1726.



God is my light,
Do not despair, my heart,
In dark and gloomy night.
The sun sinks low,
The night brings fear and smart,
My light beams through the night;
It beameth in the night of sorrow,
It dawns on ev'ry joyous morrow.
God is my light.

His is the might—
He speaks and all is done,
He nods, creation stands;
And when my eye
Seeks helper, seeing none,

Then help is near at hand.
When feeble man dare not endeavor,
There works God's steadfast arm forever,
His is the power.

God is the power,
He rules the universe
With wisdom, patience, power.
The stars move on
Time's rapid stream traverse,
Watched by Him every hour.
All calmly guides He, high or lowly,
According to His will most holy.
His is the power.

J. H. C. HENGSTENBERG, 1825.

## 16 Heavenward all our Pathway lead.





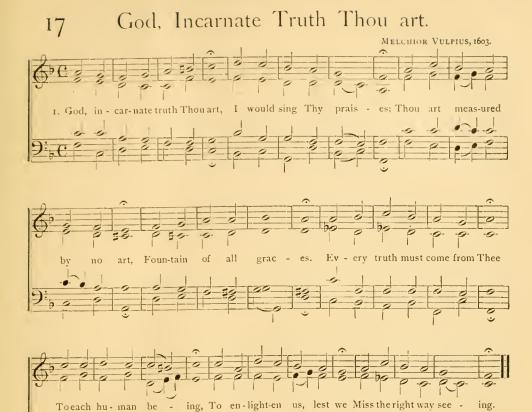


- Heavenward all our pathway lead,
   Transient guests, our stay here ending,
   To our goal with joy we speed,
   Safe to heaven high ascending;
   Here we are, a pilgrim band,
   Heaven is our Fatherland.
- 2 Up to God now soar, my soul, For thou art a heavenly being, Let not earth thy will control,

All from Heaven thy God is seeing, Let our souls, innate in God, To the Lord retrace the road.

3 Heavenward! aye Heavenward!
My desire will be forever,
There's my goal; from this my road
Mortal power shall drive me nearer.
Heavenward still leads my road,
Till I join my Maker, God.

BENJAMIN SCHMOLKE, 1731.

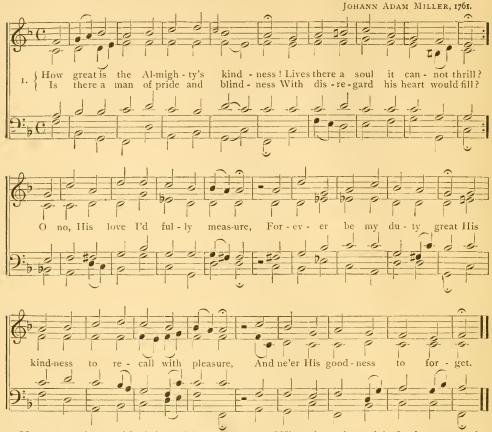


- 1 God, incarnate truth Thou art, I would sing Thy praises; Thou art measured by no art, Fountain of all graces. Every truth must come from Thee To each human being, To enlighten us lest we Miss the right way seeing.
- 2 Prejudice and darkest night Everywhere prevaileth. And to see Thy ways aright All our vision faileth.

- But Thy Mind itself is Light, Thou, creation's witness, Clearly knowing, mind of might, Of all things the fitness.
- 3 Earth and Heaven pass away,
  Yet Thy word endureth;
  Scoff the sinner as he may,
  Still Thy will assureth.
  Though I here, for Thy word's sake,
  Sore disgrace may suffer,
  There a fit reward to make,
  Heavenly bliss Thou offer.

BALTHASAR MUNTER, 1778.

#### 18 How Great is the Almighty's Kindness.



How great is the Almighty's kindness!
Lives there a soul it cannot thrill?

Is there a man of pride and blindness With disregard his heart would fill?

O no, His love I'd fully measure, Forever be my duty great

His kindness to renew with pleasure, And ne'er His goodness to forget.

2 He wondrously hath me created; The Lord, that never will me need, Hath carried peace into my conscience, While oft His law I've failed to heed. Who makes my peace of conscience stronger, Who gives the spirit fresher power? Who gives me happiness still longer? Is it His arm's creative power?

3 God grant that His great love and kindness

May be fore'er before my eyes, To cure my selfish pride and blindness; May I my life for Him devise.

It comforts me in times of suff'ring,

It leadeth me in time of joy, My heart's dread fears within me con-

'qring, Which my last moments may employ.

CHRISTIAN FÜRCHTEGOTT GELLERT, 1757.

# The Heaven Singeth th'Eternal's Great Glory.



I The heaven singeth th' Eternal's great glory,
And echo bears His name on high;
Him praise the world, and the seas tell His story,
The zephyrs bear the strain on high.

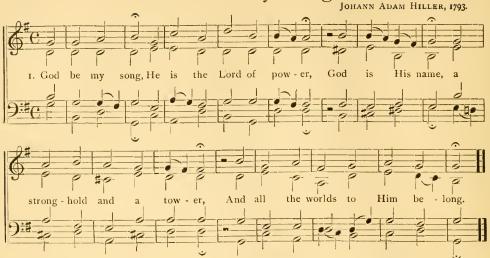
Hear, man, admire all His work and His wonders,
 That in all nature are displayed;
 They show His wisdom, His might in the thunders,
 That aye the universe hath swayed.

3 Canst thou His creatures unspeakable number, His tiniest beings fail t'admire? Through whom come blessings, 'tis He giveth slumber; Oh, trust His mercy and retire.

4 He is thy Maker, all wise and all holy,
A God of order and thy shield;
'Tis He, to Him give thy mind and heart wholly,
Thy share of grace to thee He'll yield.

20

## God Be My Song.



God be my song,
He is the Lord of power,
God is His name, a stronghold and a
tower,

And all the worlds to Him belong.

He's ever near
Thee, staying or when going;

Be thou to sea, or to the heavens fleeing, Behold, e'en there He will appear.

3 Naught, naught is mine, And not to God belonging. Lord, every land Thine honor be prolonging,

And on my lips Thy praise divine. CH. FÜRCHTEGOTT GELLERT, 1757.

#### 21 Come, My Soul, with Haste Prepare.



Come, my soul, with haste prepare,
Watch and pray forever,
Lest, relaxing any care,
Thou from God may sever;
Unforeseen,
Oft have been,
Men of every station
Yielding to temptation.

2 Wake, my soul, or waiting Lord Ne'er can thee enlighten. Let Him enter with His word, Thy dark life to brighten. For God will
For the fill
Of His mercy's graces,
Have from all men praises.

Watch and pray fore'er and e'er
Every hour of waking,
Give to God thy constant care,
His salvation taking.
For His power
Bides the hour
Thou thy part sustainest,
Constant He remainest.
Johann Burkhard Fregotein, 1697.

God is my Stay.



1 God is my stay,
To Him alway
My soul and heart are bowing;
I'm walking here
In my God's fear,
Believing, yet not knowing.

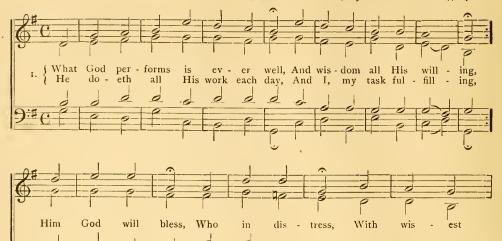
2 Thy word sets forth
The soul's true worth,
Immortal, ever living,
To last for e'er
To be my share,
My God, my Saviour giving.

3 My soul renew,
Thy will I do,
Thereby salvation winning;
In my own strength
I fail at length,
Thy grace will bar my sinning.

4 Ah, helpful Lord,
Leave us Thy word
Which Thou to us hast given;
Be it my share,
My bliss for e'er,
Thy word I'll ever live in.
Ch. F. Gellert, 1757.

# 23 What God Performs is Ever Well.

SEVERUS GASTORIUS ( or JOHANN PACHELBEL), 1690.





- I What God performs is ever well,
  And wisdom all His willing,
  He doeth all His work each day,
  And I, my task fulfilling,
  Him God will bless,
  Who, in distress,
  With wisest care me shieldeth,
  He who all wisely wieldeth.
- 2 What God performs is ever well, He is my light and living, He guards me safe from ev'ry ill, My life and comfort giving.

In weal or woe, The end will show, When it to all appeareth How faithfully He careth.

3 What God performs is ever well.

This thought to me remaineth
That when my lot is sore and fell,
And woe my soul restraineth,
Then God will be,—
So faithfully,
From ev'ry danger shielding,—
Me strength forever yielding.

SAMUEL RODIGAST, 1675.

## 24 More on God the Lord Dependeth.

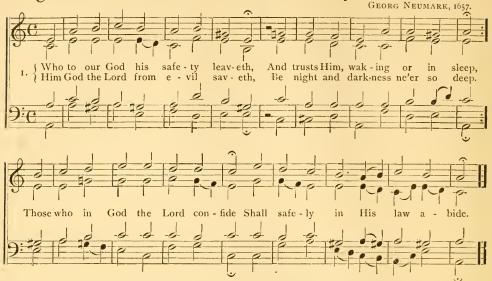


- I More on God the Lord dependeth, In the blessings that He sendeth, Than on gems and stores of gold. He who on Him hope hath placed, God will succor when distressed, With His favors manifold.
- 2 From His bounty ever willing, Means for every want fulfilling Come at ev'ry need's demand;

- Hence His grace I will confide in, Hence His pleasure I'll abide in, Where He wills I'll take my stand.
- 3 Though I linger here to suffer,
  No remonstrance will I offer,
  For in Him I still confide.
  As there's nought that lasts forever,
  Trust you earthly things? No, never!
  Like a stream they onward glide.

Poet unknown. About 1676.

## 25 Who to Our God His Safety Leaveth.



- And trusts Him, waking or in sleep, Him God the Lord from evil saveth, Be night and darkness ne'er so deep. Those who in God the Lord confide Shall safely in His law abide.
- 2 In vain are all our grief and sorrow, In vain our plaintive cry of woe; From Him we every solace borrow, When, poor and worn, our dangers grow: For by our cries of mad despair

We make but worse our grief and care.

- 3 All trifling woes our God regardeth,
  For kind and boundless is His might;
  No tyrant hand His own retardeth,
  And wealth seems valueless and light
  - And wealth seems valueless and light. To God belong the realm and crown, And He can raise or cast us down.
- 4 God helps him who His path ne'er leaveth,
  And duty doth with manhood true.
  The Lord each sad misstep forgiveth,
  And daily blessings will renew
  To him who in His word confides,
  And in His law fore'er abides.

  Georg Neunark, 1657.

God Lives For E'er.





I God lives for e'er; Soul, why tremble and despair? God is kind, Who, with great pity, Never leaves a friend behind; Whom still, through all eternity, Faithful he will ever find. God sees, better than we know it, Every evil to o'erthrow it. Soul, be hopeful and upbear, For thy Helper lives for e'er.

#### God lives for e'er;

Soul, why tremble and despair? All sweet rest and peaceful slumber. And the ear he giveth thee, And the eye these stars to number;

All the earth and all the sea: God has heard and has perceived When His children are aggrieved; Lives He now, and through all time, Near us as our friend sublime.

3 God lives for e'er; Soul, why tremble and despair? If the world hurt or distress thee, Know'st thou not how all will end? Seek thy God, He will embrace thee, And in sufferings lend His hand. God His friend alway redeemeth From the ill that overcometh; Even in great loneliness Own His power with thankfulness.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH ZINN, 1682.

# 27 In My Beloved Lord I Trust.







- I In my beloved Lord
  I trust, and in His word;
  He can forever save me,
  And never will He leave me:
  Misfortunes He can alter,
  And never will He falter.
- 2 Tho' death take me away, 'Tis gain and not dismay. To Christ so kind and tender,

I will my all surrender; To-day, and on the morrow, No trouble will I borrow.

3 "Amen," at ev'ry hour
I'll sing with all my power.
O Lord, forever guide me,
And keep me e'er beside Thee,
That I may praise Thy name then
And ever, ever, Amen.

SIGMUND WEINGARTNER, 1609.

#### 28 Oh, How Oft is Man's Affection.



- I Oh, how oft is man's affection
  Fickle and unfeeling, cold,
  And how short its life, we're told!
  Soul, in making thy selection,
  Trust no seeming friend whate'er,
  That ne'er keeps a promise fair.
- 2 But in God's affection trusting
  Who alone is ever true,
  Safety's rock till storms are through,
  Those, who on this rock are building,
  Live in safety while they see,
  Fearless, all life's agony.
- 3 Yes, my choice, Lord, falls upon Thee;
  Faithful Father, Thee alone
  When alas, my strength is gone,
  Aye, my trust I'll place in Thee;
  Oh, how true Thou art and good,
  To forget my wayward mood.
  - That no other can avail,
    That all other helpers fail;
    'Reft of solace, let me suffer
    Till again I flee to Thee,
    Thou wilt, Father, safety be.

4 Daily let my heart discover

BALTHASAR MUNTER, 1773.

# 29 To God's Own Will and Heart and Might.



To God's own will and heart and might,
My heart and mind are given;
What ills may seem are just and right,
And death, e'en, I shall live in.
I am His son who has the throne
Of Heaven built, so precious;
His heart, who chose
Ills to impose,
Is ever kind and gracious.

2 Thus by myself I was not made: With talents He endowed me; My God creative will displayed, And with my powr's adorned me. He gave me mind the right to find, A body strong for duty;
Who so much gave
My soul will save,
So kind He is and mighty.

3 So great His power and wisdom are,
O'erflowing every measure;
He does with kindness and with care
Whatever be His pleasure.
If ills alloy our dearest joy.
He seeks our heart's amending;
What He may do
Our whole life through
His ready hand is lending.

PAUL GERHARD, 1676.

#### 30

### Whatever I am Doing.

JOHANN ADAM HILLER.



- Whatever I am doing,
  His grace my heart is wooing,
  Who all things has and knows.
  His aid we're ever needing,
  If we would be succeeding;
  With good His gen'rous hand o'erflows.
- 2 His grace is never failing,
  He'll cure my ev'ry ailing,
  He'll ward off ev'ry blow.
  His shelter I reside in;
  While His laws I abide in
  He'll shield me from my ev'ry foe.
- 3 Whatever His decision,
  I'll make no opposition,
  But meet my foreknown fate.
  No mishaps can befall me—
  No ruin can enthrall me,
  Our Lord will help with kindness
  great.
- 4 To Thee my heart now giving,
  To trust in Thee I'm living,
  Thy pow'r is so sublime.
  To-day and yet to-morrow
  No trouble will I borrow,
  Thy bounty fills each place and time.

PAUL FLEMMING, 1633.

# 31 In Thee My Hope I've Rested, Lord.







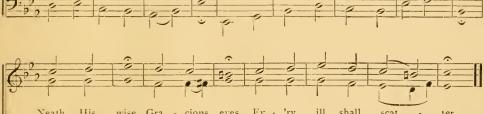
- In Thee my hope I've rested, Lord:
  Grant that I ne'er distrust Thy word,
  And shield me from disaster.
  Unto my death preserve my faith
  In Thee, my Lord and Master.
- 2 Thy gracious ear to me incline, My soul to Thee in love entwine.
  Oh, hasten, God, to save me,
  In sore distress I still Thee bless
  For Thou salvation gave me.
- Thou art my strength, my rock, O God,
   My shield, my weapon, says Thy word,
   My help, my bliss, my Saviour.
   O God and Lord, me aid afford,
  - O God and Lord, me aid afford Forgive my ill behavior.
- 4 Lord, I commend my life to Thee;
  Do not depart, my God, from me,
  Keep safe my soul forever.
  In sorest need and dire distress
  Withhold Thy hand, oh, never.

  ADAM REISSNER, 1533-

# 32 Be Content, My Soul, and Never.

I. Be con-tent, my soul, and nev - er, Ne'er for - get Godliveth yet,

And will love thee ev - er. Trust Him, for in ev - 'ry mat - ter,



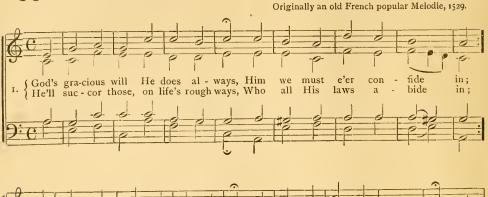
Neath His wise, Gra - cious eyes, Ev 'ry ill shall scat - ter.

Be content, my soul, and never,
Ne'er forget
God liveth yet,
And will love thee ever.
Trust Him, for in every matter,
'Neath His wise,
Gracious eyes,
Every ill shall scatter.

2 All the world Thee. Master, praises, And Thy might Day and night, And the starry mazes. Sun and moon Thy might adoreth;
Each that lives,
Breath receives,
Praise to Thee outpoureth.

4 Why should I no praise be giving,
Whom He did—
Gracious deed!—
Name among the living?
What I have is all His giving;
Every day,
All my way,
He is with me living.
Erdmann Neumeister, 1756.

# 33 God's Gracious Will He Does Always.



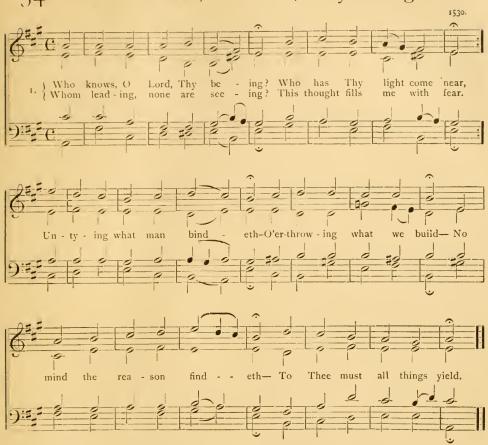




- I God's gracious will He does always,
  Him we must e'er confide in;
  He'll succor those, in life's rough ways,
  Who all His laws abide in.
  All the oppressed,
  Their wrongs redressed,
  Our lenient God forgiveth;
  - Our lenient God forgiveth Who in Him trust, Friend kind and just, In joy forever liveth.
- 2 In God I trust, in Him I live, With hope through all my life long; His Father-care He'll freely give, And this inspires my life-song. He numbers ev'ry tiny hair, He ev'ry sparrow feedeth; His watch and ward is everywhere, And what He wills succeedeth.

ALBRECHT ALCIBIADES, 1546.





- Who knows, O Lord, Thy being?
  Who has Thy light come near,
  Whom leading, none are seeing?
  This thought fills me with fear.
  Untying what man bindeth—
  O'erthrowing what we build—
  No mind the reason findeth—
  To Thee must all things yield.
- 2 Who dares with Thee to reason About what be his fate? Thou art in every season To Thy sons kind and great.

- E'en through the night of sin, Lord, Thy kindness see we must; We learn Thy pow'r in Thy word, And in Thee put our trust.
- 3 Until our last day's dawning,
  On us still beams Thy light;
  There'll be no fear nor groaning,
  For causeless is all fright.
  All earthly solace vanish,
  In Thee we'll put our trust,
  All doubts we then will banish—
  But build on Thee we must.

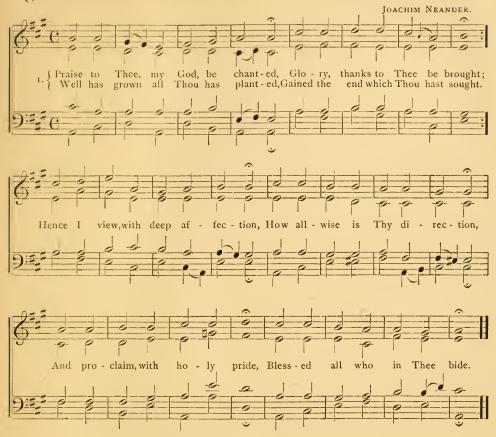
# I Know the Labors of My Hand.



- I I know the labors of my hand Upon God's generous arm depend, Which sendeth every blessing; I know His sway Will stand alway, His kindness, so amazing.
- My soul shall find its Sun in Thee, Thy pleasure my decision. No wish, no thought, my faithful Lord, Be with Thine in collision.
- 3 Thou art my Father, I Thy child, Thou, ever gracious, ever mild, Responsive to my needing. Still helping, all my ways defend, My zeal, if right, succeeding.
- 2 What Thee may please, give Thoutome; 4 Thee, Lord, I honor, love, and praise; Thy glorious deeds, Thy wondrous ways, Be in my soul elated,
  - In all Thy works and universe, Which Thine own will created.

PAUL GERHARDT, 1659.

# 36 Praise to Thee, My God, be Chanted.



Praise to Thee, my God, be chanted, Glory, thanks to Thee be brought; Well has grown all Thou hast planted, Gained the end which Thou hast sought.

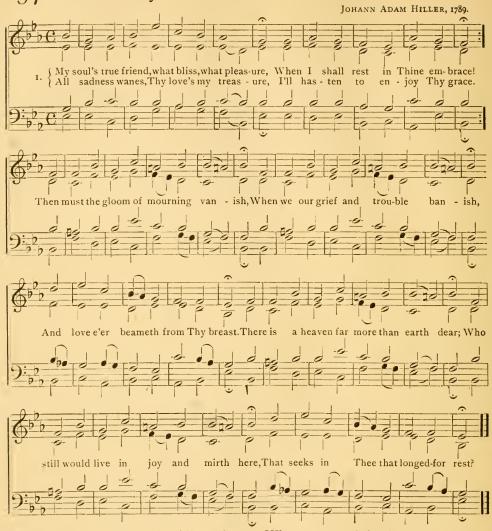
Hence I view, with deep affection, How all-wise is Thy direction, And proclaim, with holy pride, Blessed all who in Thee bide.

2 Hadst Thou, Father, me endowèd As my foolish heart did pray, Hadst all boons on me bestowèd, And what spurned I, kept away, Hadst a willing ear Thou turnèd, When my heart for vain things yearnèd, Still I'd be unsatisfied, Or elate with selfish pride.

3 Leave to God all, leave to God all!
Aye, that is a cheering word.
Leave to God all, leave to God all!
Thus thy path leads to the Lord.
Leave to God all, without quailing,
Then will cease all fear and wailing.
Leave to God all to the end,
And thy soul in God's own hand.

KARL J. P. SPITTA, 1833.

# 37 My Soul's True Friend.



t My soul's true friend, what bliss, what pleasure,

When I shall rest in Thine embrace!
All sadness wanes, Thy love's my
treasure,

I'll hasten to enjoy Thy grace. Then must the gloom of mourning vanish, When we our grief and sorrow banish, And love e'er beameth from Thy breast.

There is a heaven far more than earth dear;

Who still would live in joy and mirth here,

That seeks in Thee that longed-for rest?
Wolfgang Ch. Dessler, 1692.

2 My foe, the world, I may thus call thee, And be it so, I trust Thee not, My soul, this world shall ne'er enthrall thee,

It's gloss I value all for naught. In Thee, Lord God, will my soul revel; Thou art my friend, I seek Thy level. My friend Thou art, when friendship, part;

The world's grim hatred could not fell me,

And if the worst of fates befell me, My anchor and my rock Thou art. WOLFGANG A. DESSLER, 1692.

# 38

#### Jesus, Walk ahead.

JOHANN ADAM HILLER.





- I Jesus, walk ahead,
  By Thee we are led;
  Thus we foll'wing ne'er will tarry,
  Joyful in Thy footsteps hurry,
  Led by Thy kind hand
  To our Father-land.
- 2 And though hard we fare
  Trust in Him for e'er.
  Yea, although our strength may
  fail us,

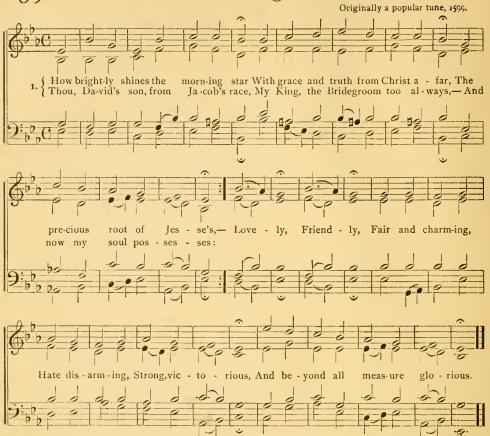
Fatal darts shall ne'er assail us, For through agony Leads the road to Thee.

3 Jesus, be our Guide
While along we glide.
If our road be hard and tearful,
Thou providest what is needful,
And when all is o'er,
Ope for us Thy door.

NIKOLAUS LUDWIG GRAF VON ZINZENDORF, 1721.

#### 39

#### The Morning Star.



I How brightly shines the morning star With grace and truth from Christ afar, The precious root of Jesse's,— Thou, David's son, from Jacob's race, My King, the Bridegroom too always,— And now my soul possesses;

Lovely, Friendly,

Fair and charming,

Hate disarming,

Strong, victorious,

And beyond all measure glorious.

2 Pour deep into my heart, anon,

O brightest diamond, precious stone, The flame of Thine own loving.

Oh, can it be I may through Thee, Of thee, for all eternity,

A living branch be proving!

My soul

Doth yearn, In its blindness,

For Thy kindness,

Till it findeth

Thee, whose love the whole world bindeth.

PHILIPP NICOLAI, 1599

# 40 Praise Ye the Lord, all, The Powerful King.



I Praise ye the Lord, all;

The powerful King of great glory, Oh, my soul, dearly beloved,

Be Thy song and story;

Thy silence break,

Psalter and harp now awake, Sing all this song to His glory!

2 Praise ye the Lord, all;

Alone He the universe ruleth,

And He my many sins

With His sure mercy annulleth,

Who thee preserves

And from thy care never swerves, And Who thy passion's sting dulleth.

3 Praise ye the Lord, all,

Who wondrous thy form hath created, And who thy body hath graced,

With mind, fitly mated.

Misfortune's rod

Our great and merciful God So oft has kindly abated.

4 Praise then the Lord, all,

Who from bountiful store thee hath blessed,

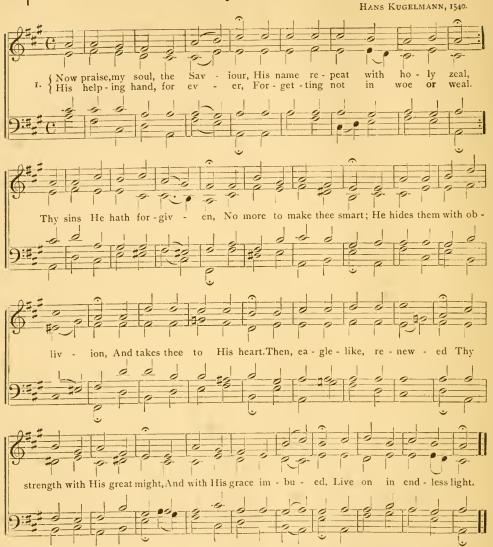
Who from high Heaven thy woe hath so often redressed.

Think of it, son,

What He, the Father, hath done, Who thee with love hath created.

JOACHIM NEANDER, 1679.

# Now Praise My Soul, the Saviour.



I Now praise, my soul, the Saviour,
His name repeat with holy zeal,
His helping hand, forever,
Forgetting not in woe or weal.
Thy sins He hath forgiven,
No more to make thee smart;

He hides them with oblivion
And takes thee to His heart.
Then, eagle-like, renewed
Thy strength with His great might,
And, with His grace imbued,
Live on in endless light.

2 His sacred laws He sends us,
His judgment ever just and wise;
His kindness sure to lend us,
His wrath forbearing, slow to rise.
He seeks no hard revenges,
Our weakness doth intrench,

And fear and care avenges,
And all our thirst doth quench.
Takes on Himself our sorrow,
And all our sins' great pain;
To-night and still to-morrow,
His curse He will restrain.

JOHANN GRAUMANN, 1525

## 42 Now Thank You All, with Zeal Utmost.

NICOLAUS HERMANN, 1560.

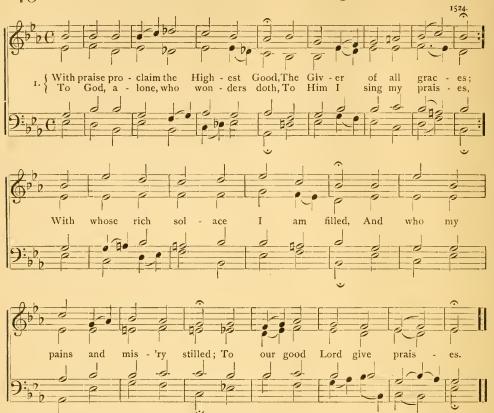




- 1 Now thank you, all. with zeal utmost. Who dwell in this fair world. The God whose praise the angel host In Heaven high have told.
- 2 Awake, all men, and now proclaim Our God as highest good. For who could all His wonders name! Praise His forgiving mood.
- 3 His loving kindness is a shield, To us poor feeble men; His aid He does so freely yield When griefs our heartstrings strain.
- 4 And when at last our hearts stand still, And God shall close our eyes. His sight our souls with joy will fill, As to His Heav'n we rise.

PAUL GERHARD, 1653.

# With Praise Proclaim the Highest Good.



- With praise proclaim the Highest Good, 3 Whate'er our God has wrought or made, The Giver of all graces; To God, alone, who wonders doth, To Him I sing my praises, With whose rich solace I am filled, And who my pains and mis'ry stilled; To our good Lord give praises.
- 2 The heavins, the angels too, praise Thee, 4 From whom all pow'r is weiling, And all on earth, in air and sea, And in His shadow dwelling,— All praise the great Creator's might, Who all things doeth wise and right; To our great God give praises.
- He surely will maintain them; His searching eye, in sun or shade, If lost, will soon regain them; And, in His realm's expanse entire, His grace rewards each first desire; To our great Lord give praises.
- Then come all to His gracious throne With joyous songs and praises, Return Him all the love you own For all His bounteous graces.— God did all things so well create, All things so wisely regulate; Give to the Lord your praises.

J. J. SCHUTZ, 1673.

#### 44 O Lord, to Us Be Kind and Good.

An old Melodie introduced by MARTIN LUTHER, 1525.



Oh, God, to us be kind and good
And shower on us Thy blessing,
Thine eye of light send us a flood,
As tow'rd Thy face we're pressing.

That we may see Thy glory's crown And all who faithful prove here,

To whom Thy power and word are known,

Now thrill the heart, the deaf ear; Turn all to Thee without fear.

The heathen may give thanks and praise
To Thee, God, and Thy glory;
All beings may their voices raise,
The stars may tell their story,
That Thou art judge of all the earth,
Lord,

To raise repentant creatures
Through Christ's atoning pow'r and
worth;

To change our sinful natures And make us holier creatures.

3 Now thank Thee, all, and praise Thee, God,

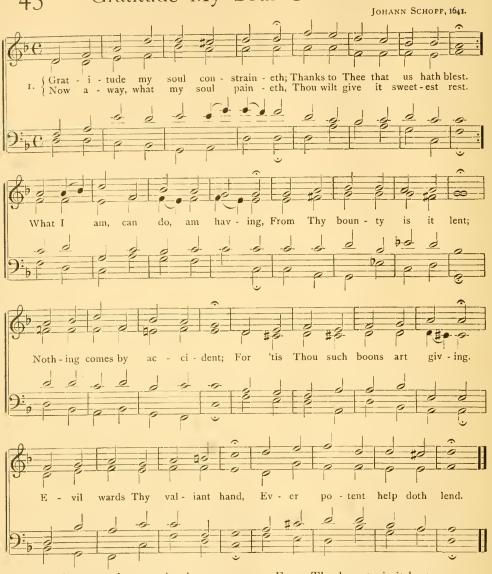
Who all Thy laws abide in;
The land brings fruit on tree and sod,

If men Thy word confide in. Oh, bless us, Father and the Son, Christ Jesus true and holy,

Thy erring creatures lowly. Sing all with grateful hearts, Amen.

MARTIN LUTHER, 1524.

# 45 Gratitude My Soul Constraineth.



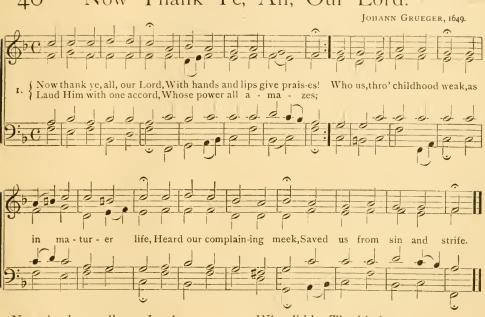
Thanks to Thee, that us hath blest.
Now away, what my soul paineth,
Thou wilt give it sweetest rest.
What I am, can do, am having,

From Thy bounty is it lent; Nothing comes by accident; For 'tis Thou such boons art giving. Evil wards Thy valiant hand, Ever potent help doth lend. 2 Thou for all my wants providest,
Givest joy, my griefs allay,
Safely me through life Thou guidest.
Every minute, hour and day.
Thee, a friend, I'm still adoring,
For without Thy power and might,
I could find no help nor light.
Through the desert dark exploring,
Thanks to Thee who help did'st lend,
And Thy peace and blessing send.

3 If I prosper, ever warn me
From all pride and haughtiness;
Save from sighing, and adorn me
With true faith and happiness.
Let me in my boons' enjoyment
Ever Thee, their giver, see.
When again from Thee I'd flee,
Give my faith its full employment,
Even in death's agony.
Give I praise, O Lord, to Thee.

JOHANN WILHELM RECHE, 1835.

#### 46 Now Thank Ye, All, Our Lord.



1 Now thank ye, all, our Lord, With hands and lips give praises! Laud Him with one accord, Whose power all amazes; Who us, thro' childhood weak, As in maturer life, Heard our complaining meek, Saved us from sin and strife.

2 Our God, so strong who art, Grant Thou, while we are living, To us a joyful heart, And peaceful and forgiving; Who did by Thy kind grace Preserve us to this time; And will from sore distress Save us by grace sublime.

3 To Father, Spirit, Son,
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving;
The equal three in One,
All ruling, everlasting.
To Him, the highest Lord,
The shining star before;
Who is and was the Word
Remaining evermore.

MARTIN RINKART, 1644.

# 47 Thee Trust I, God, and Waver Not.

An old Melody, 1577.



Thee trust I, God, and waver not, Tho' of my hopes the last bright spark,

The last of chances waneth.

My helper and my God art Thou, Through whom my heart, if faithful

Its rest and bliss regaineth.

Thou ever, God, my soul did'st guide, And mad'st me in Thy will abide; Thou did'st Thy faithful, kindly hand So oft in deep distress extend.

My God, in Thee I trust. My strength it comes from Thee. I fight and conquer, God, through Thee. 2 Hard is the stress of suffering heart,
And oft I feel my strength depart,
To struggle and to suffer;
But Thy wrath, Father, does not last,
For leniency Thy grace is cast
When we repentance offer.
Soon is with tears Thy measure filled,

And soon the soul's great longing stilled; Soon hast Thou, Lord, my prayer heard, Tried me enough to grace accord.

O, Lord of grace, If saved by Thee, then sings in me Myheart's great praise and thanks to Thee.

JOHANN JOACHIM ESCHENBURG, 1766.

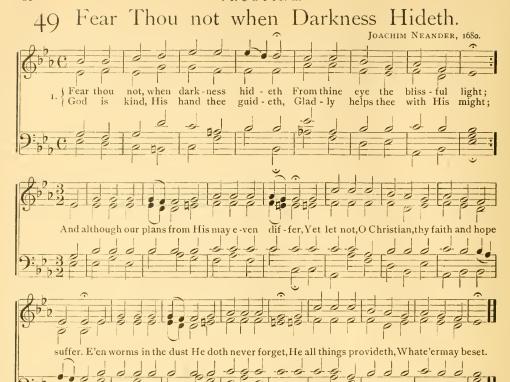
# 48 When We're in Deepest Grief and Woe.





- When we're in deepest grief and woe, And know not e'en which way to go, Nor where is aid or safe advice, Nor can a helpful way devise,
- 2 Our solace then is this alone; That we implore Thy gracious throne, And pray, our great benignant God, To take away Thy chastening rod.
- 3 And that we raise our eyes and heart To Thee, when we repentant smart, And pray that Thou a pardon grant, Or mitigate our punishment.
- 4 Do not our sins severely weigh, But pardon us, O Lord, we pray; And help us in our misery, And make us from all burdens free.

From the Latin. JOAH. CAMERARIUS, 1527.



Fear thou not, when darkness hideth From thine eye, the blissful light;

God is kind, His hand thee guideth, Gladly helps thee with His might;

And although our plans from His may even differ,

Yet let not, O Christian, thy faith and 3 Fear thou not e'en death impending, hope suffer.

E'en worms in the dust He doth never forget,

He all things provideth, whate'er may beset.

2 All the gloom in which man liveth, Through God beams with sunny light; Man for light in vain oft grieveth,

All is clear to God's keen sight. He knows what is great, what is small, what is distant,

He guideth the stars in their hurry consistent,

He keepeth the spheres in their orbits held fast,

And brings us the day of salvation at last.

Courage take, my trembling soul, Conquer with thy faith unending,

That doth God in pain extol.

The gloom of the earth shall our hearts not embitter.

Already my faith sees Thy glory's beam

We see it, now is the great promise fulfilled;

Our joy is perfected, our longing is stilled.

JOHANN WILHELM RECHE, 1835.

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#### O Lord, Our God.



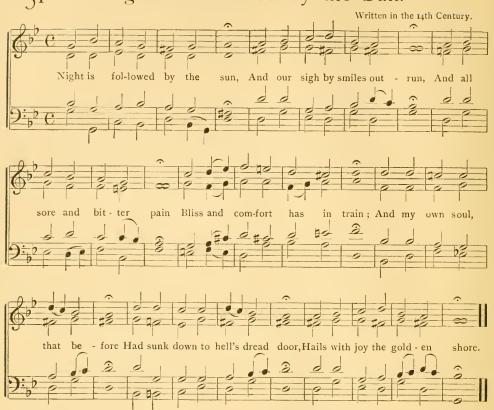
O Lord, our God!
Help, lest Thy people waver;
Be they in sore distress and great endeavor,
All night and day on Thee, O Lord, relying,
And to Thee crying.

We have not one
Whom we may safe abide in,
And vainly we all human aid confide in;
By Thee we stand and by Thy sign we conquer,
Foes defeat incur.

God, Thou art He
 With mighty power to slay them.
 To Thee our small and hopeless band is flying,
 In Thee we trust, on Jesus' name relying.
 Help, save us. Amen.

JOHN HERMAN, 1603, during the darkest time of the Thirty Years' War.

# 51 Night is Followed by the Sun.



- I Night is followed by the sun,
  And our sigh by smiles outrun,
  And all sore and bitter pain
  Bliss and comfort has in train;
  And my own soul, that before
  Had sunk down to hell's dread door,
  Hails with joy the golden shore.
- 2 God lets no man mourning stand,
  Him He leads with His kind hand,
  Who His soul to Him did give
  And in Him would ever live;
  Who on God his anchor cast,
  He will surely find, at last,
  Hope fulfilled when life is past.
- 3 But my God without delay Cared for, kept me in such way, That of what His arm hath done Ne'er the glory will be known. Faint a ray of hope drew near; Presently did help appear; Quickly vanished ev'ry fear.
- 4 Nothing now can shake my faith,
  Thus will I go unto death,
  Will lie down in my cold grave,
  Will its awful terrors brave;
  When God hath His soldiers made,
  They shall pain and death evade,
  Victory their way pervade.

PAUL GERHARD, 1657.

# 52 When Human Aid is Out of Sight.

From the Latin of JOACH CAMERARIUS, 1547, 1651.



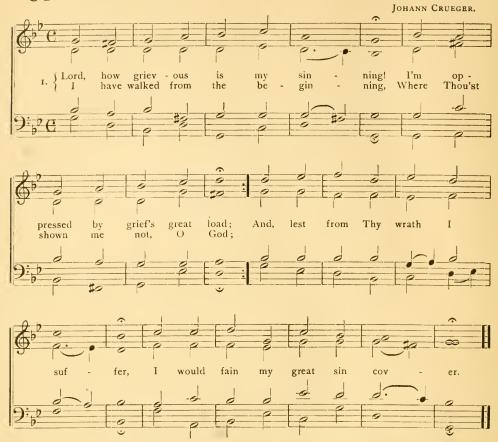




- When human aid is out of sight,
  Then God will help Thee with His might;
  If none will succor, He will bring
  Release from mis'ry's mocking sting.
- 2 I do not care for man's good grace, Like dust the wind will give it chase; This world for me has not one friend That can be faithful to the end.
- 3 Thy refuge take in God alone, And He will help when all is gone. If Thou hast God as only friend Then thou art safe unto the end.
- 4 If God's your friend and ever near, No enemy have you to fear; And were there thousands, none would be Sufficient to do harm to thee.

ANTON ULRICH, 1670.

# 53 Lord, how Grievous Is My Sinning.



- I Lord, how grievous is my sinning!
  I'm oppressed by grief's great load;
  I have walked from the beginning,
  Where Thou'st shown me not, O God;
  And, lest from Thy wrath I suffer,
  I would fain my great sin cover.
- 2 But how could I flee Thy presence?
  In all places Thee I find;
  If beyond the seas I go hence,
  Me Thy power still would bind.
  Have I wings just like Thy breezes
  All my ways Thy presence seizes.
- 3 Lord, to Thee I am confessing,
  Great my sin, and great my shame;
  Me no more Thy children's blessing
  Finds, till pardon brings the same.
  Justly judged by my condition,
  I must suffer in perdition.
- 4 Let Thy spirit go beside me,
  That I do what Thee may please;
  And without cessation, guide me
  Out of sin and into peace.
  Never, never let me waver,
  Let my heart thank Thee for ever.

  JOHANN FRANK, 1677.

# 54 Have Pity, Lord, Weak is My Heart.



- Have pity, Lord, weak is my heart,
  Inclined to worldly trifles;
  So that ne'er Satan's craft and art
  Thy voice within me stifles.
  Just like a reed, by breezes touched,
  Thus reels, by furious passions clutched.
  My lonely soul forever.
  When shall I come to my true rest,
  That e'er I do that which is best,
  And ne'er my steps may waver?
- 2 Oh, may my heart in future not Thus undecided waver. Arouse my erring soul, O God, To make a new endeavor. Grant that Thy spirit's moving force Attend my soul in onward course; Thus shall I be renewed. To Thee my heart I consecrate, Thy blessing will it elevate, If with Thy cause imbued.

J. F. von Cronegk, 1758.

# 55 To God on High Alone Be Praise.



- I To God on high alone be praise
  And thanks for His great mercies,
  That He both now, and so always,
  Each harm and ill disperses.
  The Lord hath loved us indeed,
  Hath given peace as we had need,
  All wars and tumults ending.
- 2 We praise Thee, God, with one accord, And for Thy aid we thank Thee, That Thou, forgiving, generous Lord, Hast judg'd us e'er with pity.
- Beyond all measure is Thy might, All to decide and will aright, And save by Thy hand, Master.
- 3 Oh, Jesus Christ, Thou only Son
  Of God, my heav'nly Father,
  All woes avert from souls forlorn
  And be our sure Redeemer.
  Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lord and God,
  Our prayer hear, remove Thy rod,
  And on us show Thy pity.

  NICOLAS DECIUS. 1529.

#### 56 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here.



I Dearest Jesus, we are here

List'ning to Thy gracious preaching.

Lead our souls, by wish or fear,

To Thy sweet and heav'nly teaching, That our hearts, with zeal all glowing, See the grace from Thine eye flowing.

2 All our knowledge and our mind Are in gloom and darkness clouded; But Thy spirit, clear and kind,

Hath our opening vision crowded. To good thought and right endeavor, Lendest Thou Thy favor ever.

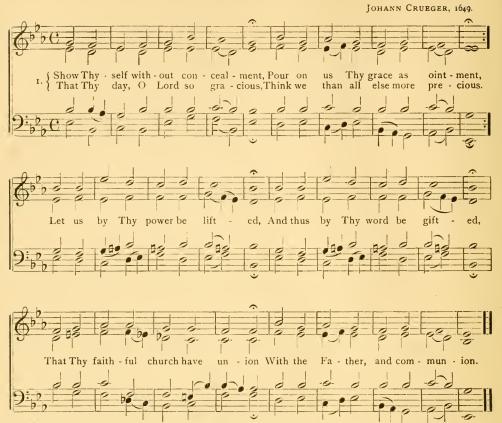
3 O Thou great Magnificence,

Light of light, that God outpoureth,

Show us Thy munificence,

Till each one Thee, Lord, adoreth; All our prayers, our songs, and pleading, Be Thou, gracious Lord, conceding.

# 57 Show Thyself without Concealment.



- Show Thyself without concealment,
  Pour on us Thy grace as ointment,
  That Thy day, O Lord so gracious,
  Think we than all else more precious.
  Let us by Thy power be lifted,
  Thus by Thy word to be gifted,
  That Thy faithful church have union
  With the Father, and communion.
- 2 Free men from the burden hateful Of their sins so rank and hurtful; As Thy heart is, make them holy, As the Sabbath Day is holy.
- That from Thy throne, high and golden, Thy pure light may be beholden, Free us, then, from all that's carnal, Where Thy Sabbath is eternal.
- 3 Oh, forever near me hover,
  With Thy shield vouchsafe to cover.
  Cleanse my soul; O Lord, prepare it,
  That with courage I may dare it,
  There to walk, where Thou, the Righteous.
  - To communion did'st invite us;
    Where no war cry longer ringeth
    But the victor praises singeth.

F. G. KLOPSTOCK, 1769.

# 58

#### Sing God Praises.

From a Latin sacred song of the fourth century by AMBROSIUS.







- I Sing God praises, loud and deep, Every promise He doth keep; He the sinner's guardian, friend, To us sinners once did send.
- 2 What to our forefathers' race Greatest wish and longings trace, And what they have prophesied, Gloriously is verified.
- 3 Oh, be welcome, grace divine! Oh, Hosannah, Saviour mine! God, so gracious and so kind, In my heart Thy dwelling find.
- 4 That when Thou, Heav'n's glorious King,
  - Thy new reign at last shall bring, I may go to meet Thee, Lord, Be with Thee in full accord.

HEINRICH WELD, 1643.

# From Heaven's Sphere I Come down here.



- I From Heaven's sphere I come down here 3 Now this is Jesus Christ, our God, To bring you news of right good cheer; Of this good cheer so much I bring, That thereof I can speak and sing.
- 2 To-day a babe was born to all; A true, pure virgin had the call To be its mother, and so fair The child is, 'tis a joy fore'er.
- From all distress, He'll lead your road; Himself will your true Saviour be, And from all sins will make you free.
- 4 Now praise your God on His high throne, Who sent us e'en His only Son, His sight the angels praise and cheer, And wish to us a glad new year.

# Now, oh, Prepare.



1 Now, oh, prepare With zeal and care,

The Saviour's day with thanks and praise With grace divine, in Thine own Son, remember:

Love is the thanks

That He receives.

Extol the Lord, come, soul, arise from slumber!

> 2 Speak, grateful strain, Again, again!

Our Lord the world in His own Son has In God rejoice, saved and redeemed from loved.

Oh, who am I, Lord, that Thou me

hast loved?

3 Exalt the Lord With one accord!

Oh, seek Him, all, His gracious favor winning.

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

sinning.

CH. FÜRCHTEGOTT GELLERT, 1765.

# 61 Now, Courage Take, My Trembling Soul.



- 1 Now, courage take, my trembling soul, And show thine inmost longing To hail the Son, Saviour of all, With joy and praise belonging. This is the night in which He came And took on Him a human frame; The world, by patient suing, His bride, He still is wooing.
- 2 Oh, joyous time! Oh, wondrous night! More wondrous man saw never. The Father sent Him by His might, His heir, our friend and Saviour.
- In Him Thou send'st the trusty man That fire and clouds, too, conquer can; Through Him the heavens tremble: Ye angels, now assemble.
- 3 Praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, And thanks by us be chanted, That Thou, my brother highly prized, Thy cross for us hast planted. Help that Thy conquering grace sub-

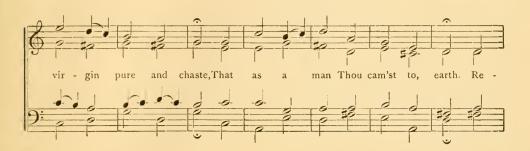
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I value in Thy glorious time, And there, in endless spaces, May sing Thee endless praises.

JOHANN REST, 1641.

# 62 Incarnate Jesus Christ Be Praised.



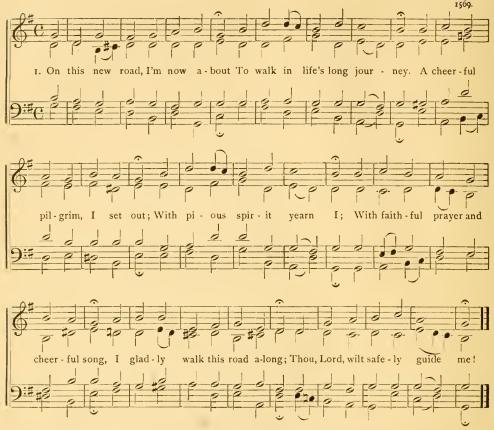




- I Incarnate Jesus Christ be prais'd,
  Born of virgin pure and chaste,
  That as a man Thou camst to earth.
  Rejoice, all angels, in His birth!
  Kyrie Eleis!
- 2 As God the Father's only Son
  Guest into this world has come,
  To lead us from this tearful vale,
  That we through trial might prevail,
  Kyrie Eleis!
- 3 To earth He came so meek and poor,
  Making our salvation sure,
  That in the heaven our notes should vie
  With angel's songs that swell on high.
  Kyrie Eleis!
- 4 Our Jesus Christ this work has done, Love for us to be made known. Rejoice, then, all, in Christendom, And thank Him thro' all time to come. Kyrie Eleis!

LUTHER, 1524.

# 63 On This New Road, I'm now about.



On this new road, I'm now about To walk in life's long journey; A cheerful pilgrim I set out; With pious spirit yearn I; With faithful prayer and cheerful song, I gladly walk this road along; Thou, Lord, wilt safely guide me.

I fear not future's gloomy night
 With which my path is filling,
 I know that e'er through Thy great
 might,
 From gloom will light be welling.

Not yet do I Thy reason know, But, still through my dear Christ, I

And surely shall perceive all.

3 My goal be near, or be it far, My heart is not tormented; To Thee, my God, my lustrous star, To Thee I will commend it. That through Thy power and grace, I may

To bliss eternal find the way, And live with Thee forever.

CHRISTOPH CHRISTIAN STURM, 1784.

## 64 Head Full of Wounds and Gory.



Head full of wounds and gory!
 Yet, with defiant frown,
 On Thee, to mock Thy glory,
 They placed a thorny crown.
 O Head of sweet formation,
 So kind, serene and fair,
 Yet cruel mutilation
 Thou willingly dost bear.

What Thou. O Christ, endured,
All this I sorely bear;
Redemption is assured
To all for e'er and e'er.
Look at me here, my poor One!
Thy wrath deserved my ways.
But give me, O demure One,
Thy fullest, sweetest grace.

My thanks to Thee I render.
O Jesus, dearest friend,
Through Thy death. my Defender,
Thou life to me did'st lend.
May I with Thee abiding,
A faithful, willing son,
Through grace, whate'er betiding.
In death with Thee be one.

4 In life's last hour of parting,
Oh, do not part from me.
When in death's terrors smarting,
My guide and guardian be.
When direful woe and anguish
Shall cleave around my heart.
'Twill never fear nor languish;
Thy woe bids mine depart.

PAUL GERHARD, 1659.

## 65 Remember, Now, My Soul, Rejoice.







- I Remember, now, my soul, rejoice, The glorious day of high import; The day on Christ to fix your choice His day, the Son's, my mighty Lord.
- 2 Now show to Him, by thankfulness, As though to-day He did thee bless, As tho' he said, "Peace be with thee." Thus now rejoice, my soul, in me.
- 3 Look to the skies and Him adore, He rules the stars that upward soar; With God he ruleth hand in hand, He is thy King, thy steadfast Friend.
- 4 Might, glory, power, His works declare; To Him that is and was forc'er, His name be blest and glorified, And echoed by the Heaven's wide.

Ch. F. GELLERT, 1765.

## 66 Jesus Is My Hope, My All.

JOHANN GRÜGER, 1658.

I. { Je sus is my hope, my all, Him I my hope, and base less all, All my





I Jesus is my hope, my all,
Him I find the ever-living;
This I know, and baseless all,
All my fear and sad misgiving.
Thro' death's long and grievous night,
Fill my soul with joy and light.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Him to see will then be granted, When, through Him who sin forgives. On that shore my feet are planted. Why then should I grieve and fear, When He is forever near?

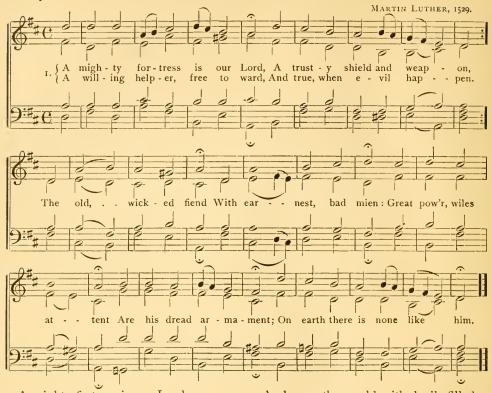
3 Through my hope's enduring band Am I close to Him connected. May my faith undaunted stand, In my heart this thought reflected, That in death's dread hour and core

That in death's dread hour and care, He is with me everywhere.

He is with me everywhere.

LOUISA HENRIETTE, Churfurstin von Brandenburg, 1649.

## 67 A Mighty Fortress Is Our Lord.



A mighty fortress is our Lord,
A trusty shield and weapon,
A willing helper, free to ward,
And true, when evil happen.
The old, wicked fiend
With earnest, bad mien:
Great pow'r, wiles attent
Are his dread armament;
On earth there is none like him.

2 With our own strength, we naught can do;

do;
Our valor quickly waneth
Unless fit man our cause pursue;
Whom God therefor ordaineth,
Know'st thou whose this fame?
Christ Jesus, His name,
The Lord of Sabaoth,
No other God, in troth,
The field He wins, retaineth.

3 And were the world with devils filled,
Intending to devour us,
All fear and terror would be stilled,
They could not overpower us.
The world's prince may lower,
With mien dark and sour;
His doom'd might will fail,
His wiles will not avail,
A Little Word can fell him.

4 That Word against the foes shall stand,
And naught to them the merit,
For God escape for us hath planned
With His own Gift and Spirit.
Then take they the life,
Gold, fame, child and wife —
When these all are gone,
Naught have they, cruel, won:
His reign remains enduring.
MARTIN LUTHER, 1524, after the diet to SPEYER.

## 68 Oh, Keep Us, Lord, True to Thy Word.







- Oh, keep us, Lord, true to Thy word, Our foe avert.—and help afford.— Who Jesus Christ, Thine own dear Son, Would fain hurl from His own high throne.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power show, Thou highest Lord of all below,

Protect Thy suff'ring Christendom. We'll praise Thee through all time to come.

3 God, Holy Ghost, now show Thy worth, Give all Thy sons one mind on earth, Stand by us in the hour of death; In that dread hour preserve our faith.

LUTHER, 1541.

## 69 Awake, My Heart, with Singing.







- 1 Awake, my heart, with singing To the Creator bringing, Of all our boons the sender, Our gracious Lord, defender.
- 2 The Word that Thou ordained, Thy Light has never waned; My soul it has imbued, Its faith and strength renewed.
- 3 Approve Thou all my doing, Thy counsel help bestowing; Beginning, midst, and ending, O, Lord, Thy best gifts lending.
- 4 Thy bliss be in me welling, My heart be e'er Thy dwelling; Thy word shall be my living, Till called, salvation giving.

# 70 My Earliest Thoughts Are Thanks and Praise.







- I My earliest thoughts are thanks and praise,
  - Extol Him, soul, forever.
  - The Lord will hear thy songs always, And will desert thee never.
- 2 Myself to guard, without the might, I lie in sleep so peaceful.
- Who gave me safety, through the night, And rest and all things needful?
- 3 'Twas Thou, our God, the world's great Lord,
  - On Thee I am depending, A new day Thou didst me afford,
    - Thy grace my soul amending.

## 71 From All Its Deep Recesses.

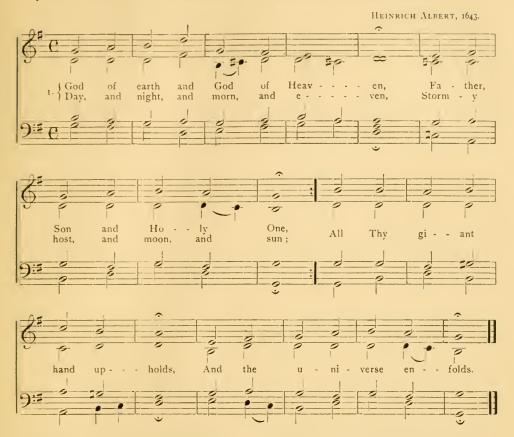


- I From all its deep recesses
  My soul gives thanks and praise,
  And in its prayer Thee blesses;
  'Tis Thine to endless days.
  O God on Thy high throne,
  Thee, all our fates' forecaster,
  We praise and bless our Master,
  Thine own beloved Son.
- 2 Because Thou me, so gracious, In this past gloomy night, So watchful and sagacious, Did'st guard with all Thy might,

- My heart would humble be;
  Wait not my sin's forgiving,
  By which, in all my living,
  I grieve and anger Thee.
- 3 To God I all surrender,
  For He all things can do,
  He is so kind and tender,
  His blessing He'll renew.
  In Him will I abide,
  My body, soul, and living;
  My soul, Him pleasure giving,
  Do thou in God abide.

JOHANN MATTHESIUS, 1565.

#### 72 God of Earth and God of Heaven.

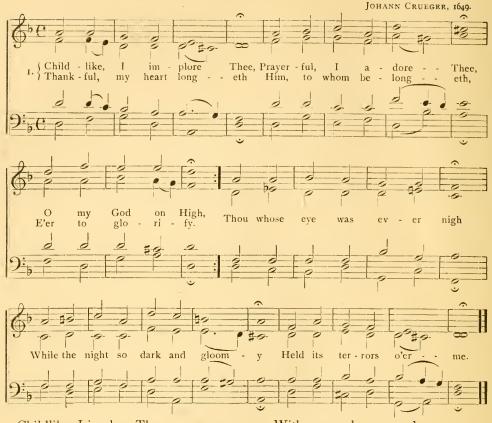


- God of earth and God of Heaven.
  Father, Son and Holy One,
  Day, and night, and morn, and even.
  Stormy host, and moon, and sun.
  All Thy giant hand upholds,
  And the universe enfolds.
- 2 God. I thank with all my being, Who in this past gloomy night. From all pain and evil freeing, Thou hast saved me by Thy might. And old Satan's craft and wile Haste to leave me, nor defile.
- 3 Lead, O gracious Lord, and guide me In my search for Thine own word; Be a guiding star beside me. Be my guardian. I Thy ward.

Be my guardian. I Thy ward. For by none, but Thee alone. May I reach the heavenly throne.

4 All my body and my spirit,
Mind to think and understand,
I resign, it is Thy merit,
Into Thine almighty hand;
Honor, reputation, shield,
Take me, Lord, my all I yield.
Heinrich Albert, 1643.

## 73 Childlike I Implore Thee.



I Childlike, I implore Thee,
Prayerful, I adore Thee,
O my God on high.
Thankful, my heart longeth
Him, to whom belongeth,
E'er to glorify.

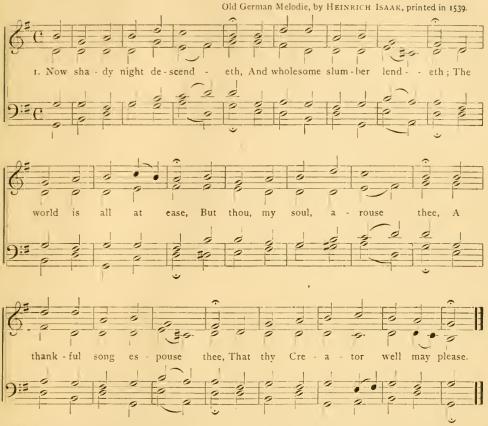
Thou whose eye was ever nigh While the night so dark and gloomy Held its terrors o'er me.

2 There are no successes, Save the Father blesses All our toil profound. Late or early, never Will all mine endeavor With success be crowned, Save the grace with me be found. When by Thee I'm wholly guided, Well I am provided.

3 Let me not be striving,
God, while here I'm living,
After earthly gain;
But to what remaineth
When my body waneth
Do my thoughts restrain;
Goods and gold no value hold;
Of my conscience clean, unsoilèd,
I can not be spoilèd.

CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH TIETZ.

## 74 Now Shady Night Descendeth.



- Now shady night descendeth,
   And wholesome slumber lendeth;
   The world is all at ease,
   But thou, my soul, arouse thee,
   A thankful song espouse thee,
   That thy Creator well may please.
- Where did the sun then vanish? Dark night his light did banish, Black night, the day's old foe; Behold! another sunrise, My Jesus, God's own Son, wise, His light into my heart doth glow.
- 3 The head, the feet, the hands shall Rejoice that happy end all Their labors now will know. Rejoice, O heart, and free thee, Whate'er the world decree thee. From sin and every other woe.
- 4 Seek rest now, weary members,
  Lie down in healing slumbers,
  The couch you now may crave.
  The hour and day now neareth,
  When God for you prepareth
  A couch within the cool, cool grave
  PAUL GERHARD, 1653.

#### 75 When now the Day to Rest Has Gone.







- When now the day to rest has gone And sun suspends his shine, May tired hearts, their labors done, Repose and not repine.
- 2 But Thou, my Lord, no respite blest, Nor sleep nor slumber light, The darkness gives, Thine eyes nor rest, Because Thou art the light.
- 3 Remember, Lord, that I am here, In this dark glocmy night,

- Grant that no evil I may fear, Protect me with Thy might.
- 4 And should this night my last one be In this sad, tearful vale, Then lead Thy hand to Heaven me That I Thy sight may hail.
- 5 In Thee I live, I die in Thee, Thou, Lord, Sabaoth strong, In death or life, my helper be, In all distress and wrong.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH HERZOG, 1670.

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#### Day Doth Depart.

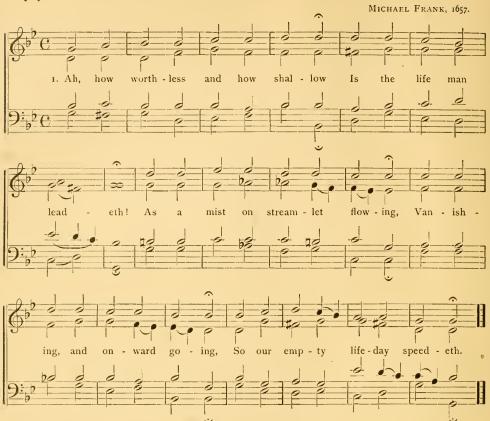






- Day doth depart; My mind and heart For that great day are yearning, When I shall be wholly free, Free from grief and mourning.
- The night is here;
  Oh, be Thou near,
  Thou Sun, the uncreated!
  Let Thy light on me soon break,
  Now with joy elated.
- 3 All life that stirs, And whirls and whirs, Rest they from all their labor. Bring me, O Lord, in quiet rest, Near Thee, faithful neighbor.
- 4 He watch will keep;
  No startled sleep,
  No woe my spirit suffers;
  Then shall I, in slumber sweet,
  Feel the grace He offers.
  J. R. FREILINGHAUSEN, 17,39.

#### 77 Ah, how Worthless and how Shallow.

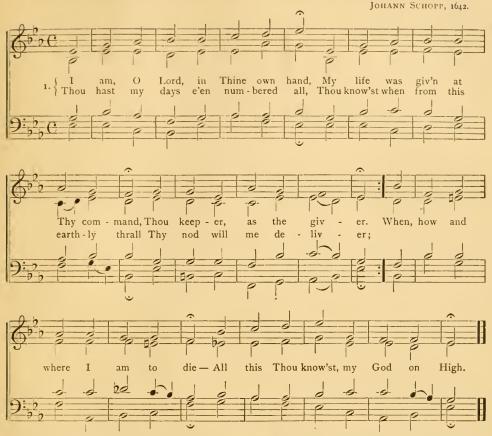


- I Ah, how worthless and how shallow
  Is the life man leadeth!
  As a mist on streamlet flowing,
  Vanishing, and onward going,
  So our empty life-day speedeth.
- 2 Ah, how shallow and how worthless Is our days' brief journey! As a streamlet's course beginneth, Never stayeth, never resteth, So our worthless life-day passeth.
- 3 Ah, how worthless, and how shallow Is our life and fortune!

- As a ball projected, turning Round and round, and ne'er returning, So our empty life and fortune.
- 4 Ah, how shallow and how worthless
  Is all human scheming!
  Who for art his whole life liveth
  Many glorious works achieveth,
  Waiting death he ne'er escapeth.
- 5 Ah, how worthless and how shallow Are all man's possessions! All things, all the eye beholdeth Vanishing, chaos enfoldeth. Who fears God forever liveth.

MICHAEL FRANK, 1657.

#### 78 I am, O Lord, in Thine own Hand.



I am, O Lord, in Thine own hand,
My life was giv'n at Thy command,
Thou keeper, as the giver.
Thou hast my days e'en numbered all,
Thou know'st when from this earthly
thrall

Thy nod will me deliver.
When, how and where I am to die —
All this Thou know'st, my God on High.

Whom have I, Lord, but Thee alone? Who then, when in the throes I groan, Can help and solace bring me? And who my soul will succor then When help no longer comes from men, And I with death must wrestle? And me despairing, woe beset, Wilt Thou, my Saviour, me forget?

No, no, to Thee entrusted be
My soul, which has its share in Thee,
My life Thou art, in dying.
Thus do I conquer fear and woe,
While Hell and Death around me go,
And in their strifes are vying.
While I'm alive, I still am Thine,

And e'en in death, Thou wilt be mine.

SIMON DACH, 1648.

## 79 Why Fear'st Thou Anxious for Thy Living?

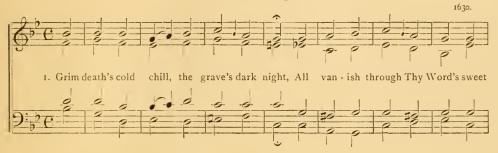


I Why fear'st thou anxious for thy living? Submit to God, trust faithful giving, For Heav'n is rest and duty, too. Life shalt thou prize and wisely use it, And thankfully, as fortune, choose it: 'Twill not be lost when all is through.

- 2 And death thy soul shall never frighten, 3 But wisdom true in thee to brighten; Thus it should stand before thine eyes, Nor should it chill the love of living But, greater zeal for duty giving, Should make thee ardent, strong and
- So seek thee, whatsoe'er befalling, To know death, rightly, not appalling-Serene thou, fearless to death's power, Thus proves he trusty, kind and faithful. The wisest friend in times successful, A weapon in temptation's hour.

CH. F. GELLERT, 1765.

## 80 Grim Death's Cold Chill, the Grave's Dark Night.





I Grim death's cold chill, the grave's dark night,

All vanish through Thy Word's sweet light;

My soul, when draw the heavens near, No terror and no grave shall fear.

2 'Tis but this hut, so weak and frail, That grim-faced death may yet assail. Myself, more free than e'er before, My God, to Thee will joyful soar.

3 A potent instinct of my soul Doth tell me of a higher goal, This longing for perfection's crest Proves for eternal life I'm blest.

JOHANN JOACHIM SPALDING, 1780.

#### 81 For Thee, O Lord, Time Has No Law.



- I For Thee, O Lord, time has no law; Thou art fore'er, the flood who saw, And who the world created. As now, O God, Thou always art And wilt be when all else depart, Thy power vindicated.
- 2 But all the life of human kind Is mortal, fleeting, smoke and wind, Upon Thy call existing. So glancing at earth's glorious orb It will, Thou bidding, us absorb Or willing or resisting.
- Though many men may reach threescore,
  The years of some be twenty more;
  What will all this be proving?
  With Thee compare none ever may,
  Thy thousand years are like a day,
  That yesterday was passing.
- 4 Impress our mind and heart, we pray,
  With time's sure flight and swift decay,
  That we, our folly seeing,
  May e'er consult Thy glorious Son,
  Attain a life like Simeon
  And, hence, to Thee be fleeing.

  Simon Dach, 1659.

## 82 Quickly Passeth Life Away.







I Quickly passeth life away,
And the grave is hourly nearer,
Tell the years how many a day
I have lived, and hold life dearer.
Think, O man, and ponder death,
Ne'er delay, firm hold thy faith.

2 Live as thou, if thou shouldst die, Wouldst desire to have been living, Boons that here thou prizest high, Dignities that chance is giving, Never after death remain, For these boons were never thine.

3 Only hearts that justice love
And a conscience clear and guiltless
Will with God of value prove,

All things else are vain and fruitless. Such a heart as God will please, Will in death give joy and peace.

CH. F. GELLERT, 1757.

## I'm Daily Dying While I'm Living.

JOHANN ADAM HILLER.







- I I'm daily dying while I'm living, And nearer cometh death's cold thrall. Who for my life His bond is giving, Not on the morrow death will call? Yes, life will go and death will come; Who welcomes Him who takes him 3 home?
- 2 Have I not time to give a blessing To those I love, bless them for me, While tearful they my hands are pressing.

O God, in mercy grant my plea, And let Thy children's anxious cry Ascend and reach Thy throne on high.

And when at last my life is ended, Then to Thy home my soul admit; By death new life with mine be blended, And at Thy side grant me a seat. The separation has no pain, And we in tears find hope's sweet gain.

BENJAMIN SCHMOLKE, 1720.

## 84 With Peace and Joy through Life I go.







With peace and joy through life I go
While God is willing;
When He says, "Come," then I will go,
Willing, willing.

God to me His promise gave; My soul shall see salvation.

2 'Tis all for Christ's sake, God's true Son, The real Saviour, Who sits with Thee upon Thy throne Sits there ever, For He will save the living, To sinners so forgiving.

3 To Him Thou gav'st the foremost place With greatest power;

And bad'st all men to woo His grace, The whole world o'er

Through Thy dear and saving word, Which all in earth and Heav'n heard.

MARTIN LUTHER, 1524.

## 85 Dispose of Me in Thine Own Way.



Dispose of me in Thine own way,
While with disease I'm smarting;
Refuse me not this boon, I pray,
When soul and body porting

When soul and body parting. Then take it, Lord, into Thine hand, For all is good if well it end.

- 2 I gladly follow Thee, O Lord,
  For Thou wilt not destroy me,
  And never far from me Thou art,
  Although this body leave me.
  And though I leave here ev'ry friend,
  Yet I am safe in Thine own hand!
- 3 Sweet is the rest that I shall have,
  My soul to Thee upsoaring,
  Thy hand will from the doom me save,
  Bliss to my soul outpouring.
  This earth is but a tearful vale
  Where we in anguish ever wail.
- Why should I lonely be and sad,
  While those by Thee caressed,
  And all in white, as angels clad,
  Like Heaven's Bride, are dressed?
  Thou empty world, now fare thee well!
  I gladly rise in heaven to dwell.

J. H. SCHEIN, 1628.

## 86 This Body Now We Lay to Rest.





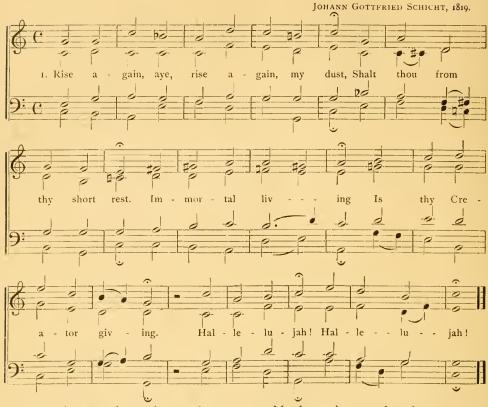


- I This body now we lay to rest, And cover solemnly with dust, For clay to clay and dust to dust Is law for all, obey we must.
- 2 O man, here learn what life is worth, Since hither camest by thy birth; To care, and joy, and woe, and weal Grim death succeeds, without appeal.
- 3 Thus riches, fame, and power great, Like these, our bodies, soon abate, But so distress, and pain, and woe, Like our own life, must end and go.
- 4 And when at last life's glorious Prince
  The graves to open wide begins,
  Then we shall rise to higher life,
  Devoid of woe, or pain, or strife.

  EHRENFRIED LIEBLICH, 1774.

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## 87 Rise Again, aye, Rise Again, my Dust.



Rise again, aye, rise again, my dust, Shalt thou from thy short rest. Immortal living Is thy Creator giving.

||: Hallelujah!:||

2 Here to bloom again, as seeds, I'm sown. The Lord's to harvest gone, As sheaves us garn'ring, And life immortal giving. ||: Hallelujah!:||

3 Day of tearful joy, O grateful day ! O thou, the Lord's great day!

My days when numbered, And when enough I've slumbered : Awak'st thou me. :

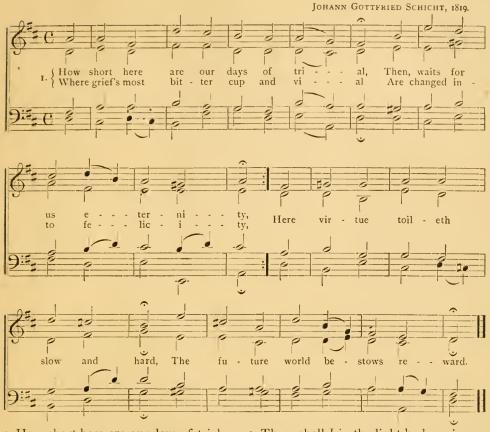
- 4 Then 't will seem to us a dream so fair, With Jesus Christ to share His holy pleasure, Exceeding grief's full measure. ||: Hallelujah. : ||
- 5 Holy One! To Him, oh, guide Thou me, My Saviour; then shall we On high be living,

And praise Him with thanksgiving.

||: Hallelujah!:||

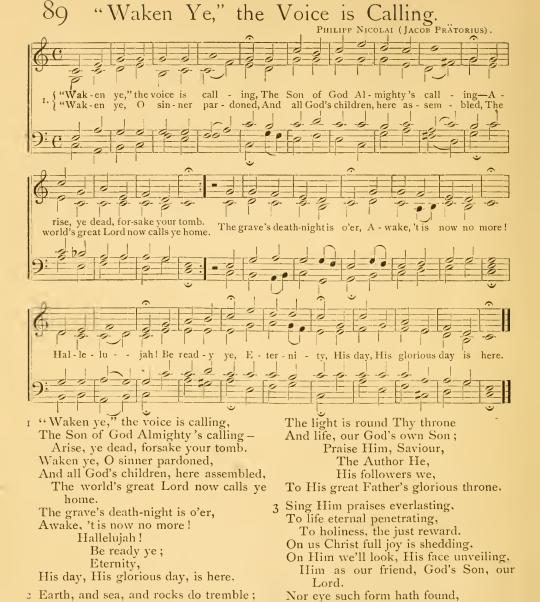
FRIEDRICH GOTTLOB SCHICHT, 1819.

#### 88 How Short here Are Our Days of Trial.



- 1 How short here are our days of trial. Then, waits for us eternity, Where grief's most bitter cup and vial Are changed into felicity. Here virtue toileth slow and hard, The future world bestows reward.
- 2 Here rest I seek, but there I find it; There shall I, holy, sanctified, The work of virtue know and mind it, With contrite heart, Thee glorified. The God of love, Him shall I see, Him love and ever with Him be.
- There shall I in the light be beaming.
  To whom on earth seemed darkness all;
  Wondrous and holy there be naming
  What here was all inscrutable.
  There sees my soul, with praise and songs.
  The Lord to whom all praise belongs.
- 4 What are the woes of this earth's being, Compared with Heaven's magnificence. Which we, redeemed of God, are seeing In all its true significance? What is, compared with such delight, A day of hardships, care and fight?

CH. F. GELLERT, 1757.



The pious nations now assemble:

To newest life they now arise.

So strong in truth, in mercy mighty,

rise.

Comes the Saviour, crowned with glory,

Eternally, Their light grows clear, their Star will Be thanks, and praise, and honor done. PHILIPP NICOLAI (KLOPSTOCK, 1599).

Nor ear hath heard the sound.

Oh the luster!

Eternally,

#### Oh, What Bliss God on Each Soul Outpoureth.

Heinrich Albert, 1650. Johann Cruger, 1641, 1649.







1 Oh, what bliss God on each soul out- 3 While the dead rest safe in quiet chamber, poureth,

That through death safe to His heaven upsoareth.

From it withholding

All distress that us in chains is holding.

2 Aye, the soul as in a prison liveth That with sorrow, fear and terror heaveth; For here do languish We in grief, in fear, in direful anguish.

4 Who then fearless would not meet death gladly?

Heaven on them sends a restful slumber,

Peaceful, blissful, holy, heav'nly cov-

No stress, no suff'ring;

'ring.

Dost thou view the heav'nly vision sadly? Who would remain here?

Longer still sore grief and pain sustain here?

SIMON DACH, 1635.

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